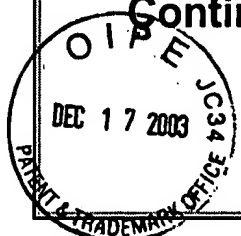


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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 17, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s). (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
  - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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